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Week of Prayer for Home Missions

March 7-14, 1982

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

National Goal: \$22,000,000

It's worth the risk, relates missionary

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Southern Baptists continue to minister in violence-wrecked El Salvador through refugee relief funds, Christian literature distribution and a steady missionary presence.

The Foreign Mission Board recently released \$25,000 in general and hunger relief funds (in addition to \$23,000 previously released) to aid Salvadorans who are refugees in their own country.

The money has been channeled through the Evangelical Relief and Emergency Committee (CESAD), a group of Salvadoran evangelicals who administer local and international funds to aid about 16,000 Salvadorans per month, said Don Kammerdiener, the board's director for middle America and the Caribbean.

Though Southern Baptists' two missionary couples in El Salvador are responsible primarily for a thriving Christian literature ministry, they also work closely with CESAD in helping Salvadoran refugees displaced from their homes as a result of fighting.

Kammerdiener said Ernie and Lee Ann McAninch, from Alabama, and Bill and Libby Stennett from Virginia and Washington, D. C., continue to affirm that news reported from El Salvador is worse than the actual situation—"that living there one does not get the same impression he would get reading reports of massacres and atrocities."

But they take precautions to ensure their safety, staying within the capital city of San Salvador most of the time now, he added.

"It would be inaccurate to portray it as business as usual," Kammerdiener said. "When you're there you hear bombs exploding; you hear rifle and machine gunfire."

Youth missions confab has family leaders

The first ever Mississippi Youth Missions Conference will feature a father-son team for worship leader and music leader.

Set for April 9-10 at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, this

conference is designed for young people grades 7-12 including Acaeteens, Royal Ambassadors, interested college students, and youth leaders.

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"No human being would be unaffected by that. But continually the word comes back, 'What we're doing is of such importance that it's worth the risk that is involved,'" he said.

Pastoral Care date changes

The date of the spring Pastoral Care Seminar at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center has been changed. The original date was to be March 11. It has been changed to May 27, this is according to Chaplain Gordon Shambarger and J. Clark Hensley of the Christian Action Commission.

Chief resource person for the conference will be Nina Herrmann Donnelly, chaplain for the Rehabilitation Institution of Chicago.

Theme of this year's conference will be "The Ministry to the Neurologically Injured or Diseased Patient."

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Harper Edwards Shows Gann

Crusader Day will tell missions needs

All boys in grades 1-6 are invited to Crusader Day, March 27 at Central Hills Baptist Retreat, Kosciusko.

The special day, which takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., will offer fun, food, fellowship and inspiration concerning mission work among Southern Baptists and about the Royal Ambassador program.

The day consists of games, canoeing, horseback riding, archery, other sports, and a group service.

Ray Bridges, Baptist Student Union director, head track and assistant football coach at Holmes Junior College, will give his Christian testimony.

But Edwards, graduate of Ole Miss, and BSU summer missionary to Hawaii in 1979 and Israel in 1980, will offer a missions message. Edwards is finishing a semester missions term in Uruguay.

Paul Harper, minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church, Lexington, will lead the music. Glenn Shows, minister of activities at First Baptist Church, Clinton, will make an activity recognition, and Don Gann, a former summer missionary to Israel and assistant camp director at Central Hills for 1981 and 1982, will tell about the Royal Ambassador summer camping program.

This Crusade Day program will cost \$4 per person and includes lunch.

To register, write Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

Personal growth conference to feature Nimmons, Hardy, Vaughn

A personal growth conference for Mississippi Baptist ministers of education is set for Mar. 15-16 at the Baptist Building in Jackson.

The conference will feature Billy Nimmons, Bill Hardy, and Chester Vaughn. Nimmons, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dalton, Ga. (formerly minister of education at First Church, Starkville), will speak on goal setting and on feelings of self worth.

Hardy, minister of education at First Church, Columbus, will speak on discovering leadership strengths, and developing a support system. Vaughn,

program director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will offer "A Challenge to Grow."

Leon Emery, director of the Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department of the MBCB, will host the meeting which begins at 2 p.m., Mar. 15, and concludes with lunch the next day.

A registration fee of \$10 covers materials, meals, and refreshments.

For further information, contact Emery at Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, phone 968-3905.

Series will say how to "get people to come"

March 29, March 30, and April 5 are the dates for a series of conferences entitled "How to Get People to Come to Church Training."

These conferences are association-wide and will deal with enlistment, attendance, publicity, and leading participants to identify and reach people for Christian discipleship training.

Following is a listing of the associations and host churches. All meetings begin at 7 p.m.

March 29: Neshoba, Associational Mission of office; Hinds-Madison, Woodland Hills; Adams, Calvary; Nroxubue, West Side; Choctaw, Ackerman Church; Clark, First, Quitman; Warren, Bowman Ave.; Yalobusha, First, Water Valley; Holmes, First, Durant; Simpson, Simpson Association Center; Humphreys, First, Belzoni; Scott, East

Morton Church; Newton, First, Union; Franklin, Bude Church; Carroll-Montgomery, North Winona Church; March 30:

Kemper, Blackwater; Rankin, McLaurin Heights; Union, Port Gibson Church; Lowndes, Antioch; Webster, First, Eupora; Wayne, First, Waynesboro; Yazoo, Southside; Grenada, Emmanuel; Leflore, First, Greenwood; Smith, First, Raleigh; Tallahatchie, First, Charleston; Attala, Parkway; Leake, First, Cartage; New Choctaw, Corinth Church; Okfubbeha, Meadowview.

April 5: Clay; Calvary, West Point.

Leaders for these conferences include 10 Baptist Sunday School Board employees and five Mississippi Baptist Convention Board employees and special workers.

Stagg, Buckley, Ashby, Craig

Stagg Buckley Ashby Craig

Stagg will teach Bible for Leadership Training

Bible study leader for the 1982 Leadership Training Conference for the Mississippi Baptist Student Union, will be Frank Stagg, senior professor of New Testament Studies for Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

The conference, March 26-28 at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly is designed for elected leadership within the Baptist Student Unions of 26 Mississippi college and university campuses which have BSU work. At this conference they receive special training to carry out their tasks next school year.

Theme of the conference will be "Leadership Unlimited . . ." and based on Philippians 4:13.

Mississippi Baptist Activities

Mar. 7-14	Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (SBC Emphasis)
Mar. 8	Vacation Bible School Clinic; FBC, Greenville; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (SS)
Mar. 8-12	Advanced Certification Seminar for Church & Associational Secretaries; Hinds-Madison Assn. Office; 8 a.m., 8th-Noon, 12th (CAPM)
Mar. 9	Vacation Bible School Clinic; FBC, Sardis; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (SS)
Mar. 10	Vacation Bible School Clinic; FBC, Tupelo; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (SS)
Mar. 11	Vacation Bible School Clinic; FBC, Louisville; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (SS)
Mar. 13	Kindergarten/Day Care Clinic; FBC, Clinton; 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Garaywa will offer eight weeks for Acteens and Girls in Action

By D. P. Smith

WMU Acteens Consultant

Camp Garaywa, owned and operated by Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, will offer eight weeks of camp for GAs and Acteens this summer. Camp will begin June 7 and conclude August 6. The camping program is developed to improve missions awareness in the girls who attend.

During a week at Garaywa, girls will learn about mission work around the world and here at home. They will dis-

cover that mission work can begin with them—in their home towns, in their communities, and in their homes. Home and foreign missionaries will be on the grounds each week sharing information about how God is using them in their special area of work.

Even though mission study, Bible study, and missionary share-time are our most important features of camp, GAs and Acteens can look forward to much more. The girls will involve themselves in music, crafts, drama, nature study, recreation, swimming, and outdoor cooking.

Another very important factor in a good camping experience is the camp staff. The young ladies who make up the Camp Garaywa Staff are talented, dedicated, fun-loving, and well-trained for their positions. Our staff will do whatever is possible to provide spiritual, educational, and recreational activities that will benefit your GAs and Acteens. The first concern of the camp staff is the camper.

Publicity and registration information has been mailed to all WMU directors. Registration will be accepted after April 1, 1982. For additional information about registration, write the Mississippi WMU, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi 39205.

K-day care clinic set

The Mississippi Baptist Kindergarten-Day Care Clinic is March 13, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Clinton. It is open to any kindergarten or day care worker or director. A registration fee of \$5 covers materials and lunch. Contact the Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, phone 968-3905.



Youths to sing and ring in Mexico

The Senior High Choir, Handbell Choir, and Senior High Puppets of Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, will leave March 12 on a mission tour to Mexico City, Mexico. They will return March 18. At the invitation of the Foreign Mission Board, the choir will work with the Netzahualcoyotl Baptist Church in northern Mexico City, where Arturo Allercone, Chairman of the Extension Department of the Mexican Baptist Seminary, is pastor.

The choir has prepared 95 percent of its music in Spanish, in addition to learning some key scriptures in Spanish, to share the gospel there. The puppets will perform music and dialogue in Spanish. The Praise Ringers will teach Mexican youth and adults to ring handbells. Cynthia McGee, former missionary journeyman in Chile, now residing in Ocean Springs, will teach the children as Sunshine The Clown, and serve as interpreter. Director of the group is Michael Smith, minister of music. Parkway pastor is Bill Causey.

Young musicians invited to April Choral Festival

The state Baptist Young Musicians' Choral Festival is set for April 24 at the Mississippi College Coliseum in Clinton, 9:15 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Guest conductor will be Bill Green, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Richardson, Tex.

This festival, designed for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade boys and girls, requires that participants memorize the music prior to the program. No music will be

Revival Dates

Airport Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Grenada: March 14-19; Wesley Nicholass, pastor, North Oak Grove Baptist Church, Millry, Ala., evangelist; Ray Nicholass of Oxford, Miss., guest music director; Paul Blanchard, pastor.

Oak Grove (Yazoo): March 14-19; W. C. Buie, former pastor at Oak Grove (1949-51), evangelist; 70th anniversary homecoming service at 2 p.m.; lunch at the church after the Sunday morning service; homecoming services each night at 7:30.

First Church, Itta Bena: March 7-12; Ed McDaniel, pastor of First, Greenwood, evangelist; Hubert Greer, full-time music evangelist from Brookhaven, singer; Doyle Cummings, pastor.

Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Hattiesburg: March 14-17; Kenna Byrd, Parkway Church, Pascagoula, evangelist; Ford Broome, leading the music; Mae Luquet, pianist; Linda Brown, organist; Odell Tebo, pastor; lunch to be served Sunday after the 11 a.m. service; Sun.-Wed. nights at 7. (Byrd, former member at Ridgecrest and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Byrd, was ordained by Ridgecrest Church.)

Ron Kurtz, minister of youth at First Church, Jackson, will lead the music. And several BSU choirs will perform special music, including that of Mississippi College, Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, Delta State University, and Pearl River Junior College.

Special speakers for the conference include Earl Craig, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson; Charles Ashby, assistant professor of foundations of education, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth; and R. T. Buckley, missionary to Bangladesh.

A special feature of the conference will be the commissioning of the newly-appointed student summer missionaries.

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used during the festival. The required music is "Oh, the Joy of it," by Burl Red, No. 4526-15, Broadman Press. Music may be purchased through either the Jackson, New Orleans, or Memphis Baptist Book Store.

All groups must be pre-registered. Directors must send registration form, along with \$1 registration fee per person to the Church Music Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205. Deadline for pre-registering is April 9.

The group, which numbered 2,400 in 1981, will perform a concert open to the public at 1:15 that afternoon in the coliseum.

Sarah Talley is festival coordinator, for further information, contact her at the Church Music Department, phone 968-3871.

Harold Rutledge dies

NEW ORLEANS—Harold L. Rutledge, professor emeritus of psychology and counseling at New Orleans Seminary, who served the institution since 1958, died of a heart attack at New Orleans Methodist Hospital February 17.

Rutledge was currently serving as a contract professor in the School of Christian Training on the campus and in Masters level studies being conducted at Mobile College, Mobile, Alabama. He had continued to serve the Seminary since his retirement four years ago.

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Editorials . . .

Let's keep gambling out of it

Last month the Southern Baptist Press Association met in Las Vegas. It was supposed to meet at Lake Tahoe, which is farther north in the mountains and on the line between Nevada and California, but fears of bad weather caused the Nevada hosts to ask that the meeting be held in Las Vegas.

Actually, though Las Vegas has a reputation for being a gambling city, it is no more such a city than Lake Tahoe. Las Vegas is larger, and the gambling is carried on a grander scale; but Stateline, Nev., is also a gambling center. The difference between the two is that across from Stateline is South Lake Tahoe in California, which has no gambling. The two cities join at the state line.

The fact is that to meet anywhere in Nevada is to meet in a gambling center, for it is to be found in every area of the state. We were invited by Nevada Baptists. Las Vegas is the state's largest city. Also, it has more churches per capita than any other city in the nation.

The churches, however, are struggling against a powerful evil, and that is gambling. The pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church in Las Vegas said his ministry is in broken bodies, broken dreams, and broken spirits. Las Vegas also has the highest crime rate in the nation, according to spokesmen.

When our Lord told us to make disciples of every nation, he had in mind our own as well as those overseas. We are all aware of this and understand it.

The time has come to do something about it with that extra push that is needed to send our missionaries throughout the length and breadth of this land. The push comes from two directions, each equally important. One is the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. It begins March 7 and continues through March 14. The other is the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions. This year the nationwide goal is \$22,000,000.

Our involvement in Bold Missions should dictate to us that our own land is just as important in the sight of God as is any other. And perhaps it is to our shame that our land is just as needy.

Las Vegas is a beautiful and fascinating city. Its buildings are attractive, and the city is kept sparkling clean. The Golden Nugget Hotel downtown is a beautiful old building with magnificent appointments. Away from downtown on what is popularly known as "The Strip" are the newer, brilliant showplaces that have become better known over the past years. Among these is the MGM Grand Hotel, which had the tragic fire a little more than a year ago. The restoration is almost complete.

The buildings are lavish beyond description. They are ornate. They are beautiful. At night in the downtown section, where the hotels and casinos are more closely concentrated than on the Strip, there is such a tremendous display of lights that headlights are not needed on automobiles. The hotels and casinos have done marvelous and beautiful things with lighting displays.

It is all an attraction for gamblers. And they are there from all over the world. There is absolutely no way of counting the slot machines in Las Vegas, and most of them are in use around the clock. They say there are no locks in Las Vegas. There are only gambling casinos. Guests of the hotels are in the midst of slot machines, black jack tables, and dice tables from the time they enter the front doors until

they get on the elevators. They pass slot machines as they line up for buffets at meal times.

Gambling, however, is not an enjoyable pastime, to judge by the expressions of those engaged in it. Their brows are knitted, their expressions are tense, and they seem trapped by their obsession.

There is a little more excitement at the dice tables, where \$100 bills disappear as fast as the dice can be rolled. In dice the player has a little more control over the outcome; but there are more losers than winners, for the tables keep operating.

The point in detailing all of this is that two pari-mutuel gambling bills have been before the Mississippi House of Representatives this session. By the time this is read they will either be dead or will be available for consideration by the Senate. A subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee held a hearing on the two gambling bills last week.

A parallel is to be drawn between the Las Vegas experience and pari-mutuel gambling in Mississippi. In Las Vegas the buildings and the city are sparkling, clean, and attractive. They lure the tourist into their trap. Those who spoke before the legislative subcommittee in Mississippi in favor of pari-mutuel gambling spoke only in the interests of raising horses.

The South Bronx is another area where the love of God is desperately needed—an area that has died yet where people still live. A bus tour of the area reveals block after block of gutted and ruined apartment buildings—destroyed by their inhabitants. Outsiders go in groups. It is unsafe to go alone, even in daylight. Yet the people there need the gospel. The Home Mission Board is at work to get it to them.

And what of Miami? The world has come tumbling in upon that city's doorstep in the last few years. What a mission field! There must be no more needy an area anywhere in the world.

in a \$200 suit and beautiful shirt and tie. These are niceties beyond the grasp of the street people. Someone has to meet them where they are. Our Home Mission Board knows how to do it.

The Home Mission Board is at work on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and in California and in Las Vegas and Lake Tahoe in Nevada and all over our nation and beyond.

Let's help these missionaries.

Let's pray for them and for those with whom they minister.

And let's give.

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Praying and giving will help.

The problems with gambling were not mentioned except to say that the experiences in Mississippi would be different—it would be controlled.

Las Vegas has to have gambling to keep going. There is nothing else there. The horse raisers say they have to have races to keep their business going. And they say there will be no races without legalized pari-mutuel gambling.

It is sad. Las Vegas is a beautiful city. It is too bad that it has to be a mecca for gambling and for "broken bodies, broken dreams, and broken spirits" and have cloaked behind its beautiful lights the highest crime rate in the nation.

Horses are beautiful creatures. Raising them and training them is a pleasurable business. It is too bad that such a fine industry has to be tied to gambling.

Perhaps it doesn't. The horse raisers are here already. Gambling isn't. Let's continue to keep the two separated.

Four of the five representatives from Jackson County testified against the pari-mutuel gambling bills before the House Ways and Means subcommittee. They were Pat Presley, Stephen Hale, Charles J. Lippian, and Adrian G. Lee Jr. The fifth, Ted J. Millette, introduced the bills.

Immigrants, legal and illegal, have come from Cuba and from Haiti as well as from other places.

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Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

About birthdays

In 1908 the Olympic Games were held in London; the National University was founded in Cairo; the Hijaz Railway reached Medina from Damascus; Old Age Pensions were introduced in Britain; a revolution in Portugal was foiled, and martial law proclaimed; Ian Lancaster Fleming, future novelist, was born; Nelson Rockefeller, future U.S. vice-president, was born. In Chambers County, Ala., on March 4, 1908, Johnnie Lou Allen was born; at 17 she married Emmett Washburn and at age 21 years and 18 days she became my mother. Her first child, a son, Charles Emmett, seemed perfect in appearance but died at age three weeks of a respiratory ailment. "But if he had not died, we might not have decided to have you so soon!" Mama told me, and I'm glad she decided to add a sister for me two years later. Happy birthday today, Mama! With love.

"It was a nice birthday," wrote Bob Terry, in the Feb. 25 edition of his paper. He's editor of Missouri Baptists' Word and Way. Then he told how—by the hardest—he got home to help his daughter, Jean, celebrate her 11th birthday, on Feb. 19.

When Bob was leaving the Nevada meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association, his flight was delayed in Las Vegas. He barely made connections in Denver—had four minutes to spare. Word got to him that the Columbia/Jefferson City airport was closed because of fog, so he got off the plane at Springfield, rented a station wagon, and drove himself and three others to Jefferson City. He got home at 1 a.m., but was up by 6:30 to begin helping Jean celebrate, I thought. "How wonderful that a dad realizes how important his daughter's birthday is to her, and goes to that much trouble to be with her." I hope someone will file that story for Jean's future reference. Some day she might want to frame it.

Birthdays were always special at

our house, too. Mama never failed to bake a cake and light candles for the honoree. (My favorite cake was caramel.) We had an old buffet, or side board, with a long mirror attached to the back. Below two large top drawers, the buffet had doors that opened on each side of three small center drawers. Behind one door Mama kept the sheets and tablecloths. The other door always stuck—the knob handle was gone, so we had to insert a knife to force it open. Behind that door Mama stored each birthday cake until time to eat it. (One time a stray dog got in the house and ate most of a Japanese fruitcake that was Betty's December birthday cake. We never figured out how the dog opened the buffet door to get the cake.)

In the small drawers were the best silverware, and the birthday candles. A blue-flowered cookie jar stood on the buffet top, but it held receipts and old letters; the chocolate-iced birthday cookies got eaten before they had time to be crammed in a jar.

In her early years of marriage Mama gave birthday parties for herself or Daddy by inviting a few couples over for a syrup candy pulling. Or some friends would come to eat parched peanuts and listen to the radio. Later, at parties for Betty and me, she'd invite anyone we wanted, and we'd play games like "pleased or displeased," "lonesome," or "spin the bottle." In 1941 Daddy ate ice cream with his birthday cake, for he had just bought our first refrigerator and Mama had discovered a book of recipes for making refrigerator ice cream.

Our family has grown since those days, and we are scattered over four states, but we still have a "thing" about birthdays—they must not be forgotten. If we can't be together on the exact date, we "reach out and touch" by phone, and then get together on the nearest possible date. I'll call you tonight, Mama—and see you Saturday!

Tallahatchie project balloons

By Joe Young, pastor

Paul Church (Tallahatchie)

A plaque on an English church reads "In the year 1653 when all things sacred throughout the land were either demolished or profaned, Sir Robert Shirley, baronet, built this church, whose singular praise is this, to have done the best of things in the worst of times."

If it is still true that it is "the best of things" to give oneself to building a church, a group of Baptist men from across Tallahatchie County have done their best to do the best of things.

Early in August 1981 a group of Tallahatchians boarded a van owned by First Baptist Church, Tutwiler, and set out to Cortland, N.Y. Two years earlier, the Baptist Brotherhood (men and boys) of 17 Baptist churches in Tallahatchie County had joined to pay half the financial needs of a pastor to begin an evangelical Christian witness in that New York county. Larry Bandon, pastor of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church near Enid was willing to go, and he was sent to New York.

Two years later two churches are established as a result of this effort. A new church at Solon, N.Y., meets in a church building that had been abandoned, and Emmanuel Church of Cortland, after meeting for months in a rented Grange Hall, has a new church building erected with Tallahatchie Baptist labor.

These thirteen men from Tallahatchie County and one from Coahoma County were the labor. They were part of the group that helped send the gospel to Cortland, N.Y., and now they were building the church house.

Tom Jennings, Lewis Kellum, Jim Norris, Bob Ed Wright, Mike and Johnny Lane, Hal Moore, and L. W. Kimsey of Tutwiler were in the group. "Wash" Walters of Sumner was the electrician and the crew from Philip consisted of Alan Rideout, Bob Parish, Johnny Livingston, and Pastor Bobby Turner. Henry Vaughn of Clarksdale was the "outsider."

These men and boys—carpenters, painters, farmers, lawyers, electricians, teachers, built a church, 25 x 80 feet. Beginning with concrete slab and walls framed, the group put the rafters in place, sealed the walls and roof, did electrical and plumbing work, put up partitions, and installed windows.

Word was received from the church that the building was completed Dec. 18 and has been occupied. It sits on a mountain overlooking a city of 25,000 people in a county with a population of over 55,000, in a curve of an interstate highway.

As a result of this Christian witness in Cortland County two churches with 44 members have begun, and 49 new Christians have been baptized. These two churches are already assisting three new mission churches in New York with financial aid, and through the general budget of Southern Baptists for missions are all together giving 35% of their offerings to outside mission causes. They met on Feb. 6 and outlined a 7-year plan to become fully self-supporting churches. Until then, Baptists from across the nation and Tallahatchie County will continue to help in many ways.

What are these Mississippi Baptist men doing now? Praying, giving, and building churches elsewhere. Several are helping to build a new Sunday School wing on the Baptist church at Paul.

And word is out that some of these men are making plans, along with others, to go to Parchman to help build a mission center there for the free world staff.

Whether these be the worst of times,

is not for us to say, but certainly these men from Northwest Mississippi are "doing the best of things."

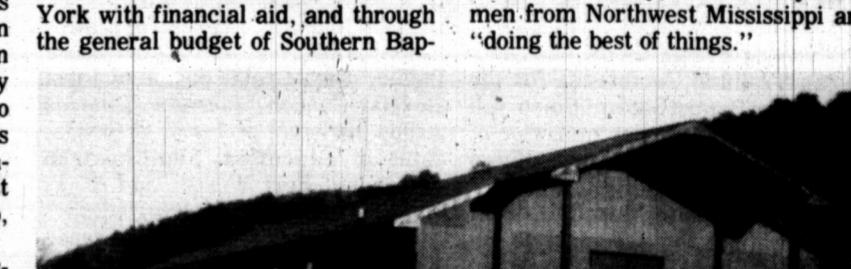
Mississippians built this church in Cortland, N.Y.

Temple, Hattiesburg, to present George Beverly Shea, Kurt Kaiser

George Beverly Shea and Kurt Kaiser will be presented in a concert of sacred music at Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, March 7 at 7 p.m. The concert is a part of the church's seventy-fifth anniversary emphasis.

Shea will sing the songs that have made him famous over the years. He will be accompanied by Kaiser, noted keyboard artist. Also, Kaiser will be featured on several piano compositions. The Sanctuary Choir will assist on special selections with Shea.

Shea's musical interests began with his mother who sang every morning accompanying herself with a piano. His father soon recognized his son's talent potential and bought him a harmonica. "Bev" has been closely associated with music ever since.



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We thank God for the instrumentality of Southern Baptists who through the medium of the Foreign Mission Board made possible to us the privilege of serving as your missionaries for more than 42 years in South and Central America.

Upon our retirement, December 1, 1981, we found that adequate provision through Social Security and the Pension Plan of the Board had been made for us.

Many friends have helped individually. For their love and concern and their help we thank each one. The

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Just for the Record



Members of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission met recently in the Commission's reading room at the Leland Speed Library at Mississippi College. They elected 1982 officers. On hand for the meeting were, from left, William D. McCain, Hattiesburg, vice president; Edward McMillan, Clinton; Larry Thornton, Cleveland; Jack W. Gunn, Cleveland, executive secretary; Talmadge Smith, Natchez, president; Mrs. Alice Cox, librarian and secretary; Billy R. Williams, Gautier; Miss Edwin Robinson, Jackson, indexer of the Baptist Record and interviewer for the Oral History Program; Mrs. L. L. Hood, Shannon; and Dewey R. Roach, Columbus.



Franklin Baptist Church, Flora, ordained three deacons on Jan. 10. J. W. Brister and W. M. Buffington presented the ordination charge. Present for the Ordination Council, left to right, (back row) Freeman Pierce, pastor; Ernest Tanksley, Tommy Creel, ordained members of Franklin Church; Ernest Wright, Bennie Andrews, New Zion, Harrisville; (middle row), G. W. Shorter, New Zion Harrisville; W. M. Buffington, former pastor at Franklin; Cecil Purvis, chairman of deacons; J. W. Brister, Hinds-Madison director of missions, and at front, the newly ordained deacons, left to right, Alton Wallace, Kenneth Creel, and Donnie Burgess. Ralph Lee, pastor of Simmons Memorial, was also on the ordination council.



R.A.'S OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SENATOBIA, recently completed their mission project which began in August. Some of the R.A.'s are shown delivering completed Bible holders to residents at Senatobia Convalescent Center during Christmas holidays.



Valentine hearts and flowers

All young people on The India Nunnery Campus recently enjoyed a special evening of hearts, ribbons, music, and good food as they attended the annual Valentine Banquet.

Bob Catlett, director of recreation, directed the event and was assisted by houseparents and teens of the campus in decorations and food preparation. A punch fountain and table of hors d'oeuvres provided a beautiful beginning to the evening.

The Single Adult Departments III and V of First Baptist Church, Jackson, provided special desserts at the end of the meal.

Musical entertainment for the evening was provided by Melvin Evans. Melvin grew up on The India Nunnery Campus and for many years traveled throughout the state as a member and soloist with the campus singing group, The Villagers.

During a special moment Melvin introduced his fiance Teresa Gilmore to Village friends. Randall Hall, Minister of Music at White Sand Baptist Church, Prentiss, accompanied Melvin during the performance.



Shrine Circus

Recently activities on The Farrow Manor Campus included an outing to the Shrine Circus in Memphis at the coliseum on the Mid-South Fairgrounds. One of the circus clowns rode the bus from the campus into Memphis, accompanying and entertaining all young people and staff enroute.

Moak's Creek Baptist Church, Lincoln County, exceeded its Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal by \$3,400. The Royal Ambassadors, under leadership of Pastor Cecil Hubbard, save newspapers to be recycled, and then contribute their earnings to missions. In 1981 they gave around \$600 from this source. Also Moak's Creek has installed a new Hammond organ, a gift from a member of the church.

First Church, Crystal Springs, will send a group to minister in the vicinity of the Knoxville World's Fair, July 7-17. They have been assigned to a campground ministry to Townsend, Tenn., about 30 miles from Knoxville. James Beasley, minister of music, attended an orientation session in Knoxville Feb. 25-26.

Popp's Ferry Baptist Chapel, Gulf Coast Association, Biloxi, recently conducted a Sunday School leadership study course using **Basic Sunday School Work** by Harry Piland. Eight workers, in the Sunday Schools of seven classes, received credit for the study course as the first step on the road to earning a Sunday School Leadership Diploma. Wayne Wilson, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Gulfport, taught the five-hour course.

CECIL HUBBARD, pastor of Moak's Creek Baptist Church, Lincoln County, and Mrs. Hubbard were honored with a reception on their 25th wedding anniversary. The Feb. 7 reception, in their home, was given by their daughters, Mrs. Cecilie Fuller of Jackson and Mrs. Sandra McKieron of Pascagoula. The Hubbards were married Feb. 8, 1957. He has been pastor at Moak's Creek 10 years.

Cecil Harper to present concert
Cecil Harper will be presented in sacred concert at West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, on Sunday, March 7, from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Harper is a music specialist with the Church Music department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Names in the News



ALAN BLACK, right, was licensed to preach on Feb. 10 by the Pine Crest Baptist Church, Star. Harold Doster, left, chairman of deacons, presented the Certificate of License. Luther Newell is the pastor at Pine Crest.

This was the first such licensing service that the Pinecrest Church had ever held.

Dale Hensarling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hensarling of Route 1, Ovett, was licensed to preach on Jan. 24 by the First Baptist Church, Runnelstown. Richard White, pastor, presented the license. Hensarling is a student at Jones County Junior College, where he is evangelism chairman of the BSU. He is available for speaking engagements, revivals, pulpit supply, or youth rallies. He may be contacted at Route 1, Box 295, Ovett, Miss. 39464 (phone 344-7597).

Four with Mississippi connections were selected for inclusion in the 1981 edition of **Outstanding Young Women of America**. They are Mary Jean Padgett, Metairie, La.; Susan Ratcliff, Gulfport; Marti Solomon, Birmingham, Ala.; and Mrs. Bobbie F. Wynn, Natchez.

Miss Padgett is the daughter of B. E. Padgett, pastor of Pine Grove Baptist Church, Magee, and Mrs. Padgett.

Evangelist and Mrs. Tom Cox recently conducted evangelistic crusades in the state of Kerala, India. There were 507 reported professions of faith with over 9,000 in attendance during this 13-day crusade. Cox was also the visiting professor of preaching at the Faith Bible College, Mavelikara, India, Jan. 10-30, 1982.

He attended Clarke College and has conducted many crusades in Baptist churches in Mississippi. He is a native of Mississippi and his mother (Mrs. W. H. Cox) lives in the Hattiesburg area. He is based at 9150 Fair Oaks Ave. No. 302, Dallas, Tex. 75231.

Dress A Child At Easter,

A Special Kind Of Caring

Recent special projects include:

1. The special purchase of a new cookstove for Bailey Cottage and twelve sets of beautiful sheets. The gifts were from the Central Private School, Baker, La. Billy Williams is the school principal.

2. Birthday cakes for the cottages from Adult II Department of Paul Truitt Baptist Church, Pearl. In addition to a cake for each cottage and personal hygiene supplies, the group presented a love offering to be used as needed by The Village. The group, under the leadership of retired housemother, Loreas Eaton, has plans to provide cakes each month for the cottages as well as continuing the love offering throughout the year.

3. Cottage renovation by East Forest and Temple Baptist Church of Forest. Fifteen men recently spent a Saturday doing major renovation work on a cottage on The India Nunnery Campus. Frank Morgan is pastor of East Forest, and Pat McLellan is pastor of Temple Baptist Church.

4. Gift of a new refrigerator for Memorial Cottage. The new appliance was a gift from Ken Statham from Louisville, Miss.

Upcoming events

Current and upcoming India Nunnery Campus features include a special seminar "Where Do We Go From Here" for high school seniors. Caseworkers Sharon Stone and Linda Burns will lead discussions regarding job information, independent living, educational options, and personal resources. Another upcoming feature includes an aerobic exercise program for teenage girls.

Blue Ribbons!!!!

Farrow Manor residents T. J. Clardy and Jeff Lucas won first place blue ribbons at both Tate County and District F.F.A. shows at Batesville recently. Both young men showed their registered Hereford calves at the Dixie National State Show in Jackson. Jeff was awarded a third place ribbon, and T. J. placed seventh in their respective classes. Both young men have done outstanding jobs in preparing for these events and we proudly salute each of them.

Telling our story

Many thanks to Holmes, Leflore and Humphreys Associations for the invitation extended to The Village to participate in their World Missions Conferences. It is, indeed, a privilege for Village staff to be able to carry the message of the Village ministry into churches throughout Mississippi. Additionally, speaking engagements and presentations in area schools presented a unique opportunity to clarify and outline Village life. For the warm hospitality of the area people and their response to Village staff and presentations, we are exceedingly grateful! M. C. Johnson is Director of Missions and coordinated the conference.

Staff Changes.

Trace Ridge Baptist Church, Ridge-land, Mississippi recently called James E. Parker, Clinton, as interim pastor. Parker is a graduate of Mississippi College, and received a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary, and doctor of ministry from New Orleans Seminary. He served churches in Kilmichael, Meridian, and Okolona and was moderator of the Baptist association in those counties.

Michael O'Brien has assumed the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Lexington. He moved from First Baptist Church, Tiptonville, Tenn. O'Brien has served churches in Louisiana and Tennessee and is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Nita Burchette and has two children, Michael and Kelli.

Jack Winscott has resigned the pastorate of the Scooba Church to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Lumberton.

Samuel C. Jones, Flatwoods Baptist Church, Gordo, Ala., has been called as pastor of Unity Baptist Church, Pascagoula, Jackson Association.

He is married to the former Laura Sue Fisher of Pascagoula and has three children. Jones is a graduate of Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., and William Carey College. Previous Mississippi pastorates include: Moselle Memorial Church, and Unity, Leakesville.

Bill McCreary has accepted the pastorate of Kilmichael Church and is moving there from the Benton Baptist Church.

Alvie Isaac, Sr. resigned on Feb. 7 from Rocky Springs Baptist Church (Monroe) after having served there three years. He and his family will return to New Albany, after Mar. 7. Isaac will be available for supply and bi-vocational pastoral work. The resident membership increased from 67 to 90 during his ministry. Sunday School enrollment increased from 37 to 54.

Olen Breland has resigned as pastor of Lizzana Church, Gulf Coast, because of declining health.

Valley Hill Baptist Church, Carroll County, has called James L. (Jim) Gilbert as pastor. The church ordained him Dec. 27, 1981, following his Dec. 19 graduation from New Orleans Seminary, where he received the M.Div. degree.

Gilbert, his wife Claire and their two daughters, Dohna, 12, and Julian, 9, moved to the pastorate at the edge of Greenwood during Christmas holidays. He is a native of Texas and was employed for 10 years in Baytown by Shell Chemical Company in engineering and management. He was licensed by the Baker Road Baptist Church, Baytown, in August, 1978.

Joe Abel is the new pastor of Trinity Church, Biloxi. He retired from the U.S. Marines and recently was graduated from New Orleans Seminary. He has had previous pastoral experience in Georgia.

He has also served churches in California and Mississippi. A native of Belzoni, he is married to the former Dorothy Fox of Wilmington, N.C. They have two children.

Howard Peak, student at New Orleans Seminary, became the pastor at Fort Adams Baptist Mission on Jan. 17, a mission of the Woodville Baptist Church. Peak commutes to Fort Adams on weekends. A native of Walker, La., he served as minister of youth and education at New Zion Baptist Church, Covington, La., for three years.

Max Julian has resigned as minister of music at Big Ridge, Biloxi, to accept a similar position in Ocean Springs.

The Dowdys
New Hope Baptist Church, Franklin County, has called Billy Dowdy as pastor. He and his wife, the former Vicki Smathers of Terry and daughter's Becky, 3, and Katie, 22 months, moved to the church field Feb. 1. Dowdy had been pastor of First Baptist Church, Ovett, in Jones County, since February, 1979.

Secretary of Week
Jo Ann Neal, secretary at Farrow Manor, was selected as "Secretary of the Week" by Radio Station WVIM-FM 95. She was awarded flowers, a gift certificate and movie tickets for two in Memphis. She has been employed on The Farrow Manor Campus of The Village for three years. Her husband, Tommie, teaches Building and Trades at Independence High School. They are parents of two children, Chris and Sue Ann.

Who's Who
Announcements

W. P. Daniels High School
New Albany, Mississippi

Named as Most Courteous during recent Who's Who announcements was Sean Milner. Sean lives in the New Albany Group Home and is a junior at W. P. Daniels. We both congratulate and thank Sean for this special honor.

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Bible Book Series

The King's last supper

By Howard E. Spell, Clinton

Matthew 26:1-30

The theme for this final unit in our study of the Gospel According to Matthew is "The Kingdom and the Cross." Beginning with chapter 26 all the material points to the suffering and death of Jesus.

I. The king's prediction of his death (26:1-2)

One of Christianity's perplexing questions has had to do with what is commonly referred to as the divine self-emptying (cf. Phil. 2:5-8). We keep in mind that to be both Son of God and Son of Man Jesus accepted certain limitations. He did not know the time of his return to earth (the parousia), but he could foretell that within two days he would be delivered up to be crucified.

II. The Sanhedrin's plot against the King (26:3-5)

It is not difficult to imagine that individual members of the Sanhedrin had talked to each other about the threat to their position which this Jesus of Nazareth posed. Finally they gathered in the court of the high priest and decided that they must get Jesus out of the way. The problem which faced them was how they might do it. Upon two things they could agree: they must do what they did secretly, and they must not do it during the Passover lest they have a riot by fanatical followers from Galilee.

III. The anointing of the King (26:6-13)

Although Matthew does not identify the woman who poured a vial of costly perfume or ointment on Jesus, John tells us she was Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus (John 12:1-8). It is estimated that the cost of the ointment was equal to a common laborer's wages for one entire year, and this aroused criticism by the disciples since they considered it a waste of money.

One thing which escaped their attention is the fact that love is not always practical. Indeed it can be far from what others might consider practical. Love is not always a good account. Instead of rebuking the woman for what she had done, Jesus said people would remember and talk about her act of devotion. We keep in mind Jesus knew he was, in a sense, being anointed for burial.

IV. Unexpected help for the Sanhedrin (26:14-16)

Just at the time members of the Sanhedrin were in great perplexity

about how they would carry out their plan to dispose of Jesus of Nazareth, Judas Iscariot came to them with a proposal and apparently it did not take long for them to agree on the amount he would be paid for betraying Jesus.

V. The Passover and the Memorial Supper (26:17-30)

It would appear that through some one whom he could trust Jesus had made arrangements about observing with the disciples the Jewish Passover. Luke tells us about the sign by which the disciples would find the right house (Luke 23:9-12). Since women were the only ones who were responsible for filling and carrying the water pots, a man bearing such would have been an unmistakable signal.

Since their deliverance from Egypt, the Jews had observed (with but few lapses) the Passover as a reminder of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. The traditional elements used in this supper were roasted lamb, bitter herbs, unleavened bread, and wine. It was while Jesus and the disciples were eating that he made the solemn declaration that one of them would betray him.

Whether the disciples doubted their own loyalty is not made clear, but each of them said, in effect, "It is not I, is it?" The reply of Jesus, "He who dipped his hand with Me in the bowl is the man who will betray me" (26:23 NASV), did not really identify the betrayer since they all dipped into the common bowl. But when Judas asked if he were the one, Jesus replied, "You have said it yourself" (26:25 NASV).

Matthew does not tell us at what point Judas left the group, but John elaborates slightly on Matthew's account (John 13:21-30). While Jesus and the disciples were still reclining at the table, Jesus inaugurated the Lord's Supper.

He took a piece of bread and having blessed it, he broke it and gave it to each of the disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is My body" (26:26 NASV). Then having taken a cup and having given thanks, "He gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins'" (26:27b-28 NASV).

Although many names have been used to designate this supper, traditionally Baptists have used the terms, "The Memorial Supper," "The Lord's Supper," or simply "Communion." Also appearing on the program will be Mississippi music evangelists, Bobby Shurden and Gary Cornett.

cause it suggests something with saving efficacy.

The bread and the cup only represent his body and his blood, and there is no suggestion in the accounts in the gospels or in Paul's account in 1 Corinthians (11:23-26) that the elements became actual flesh and blood. One Old Testament example of this usage is interesting. When Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dream, he said, "The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years" (Gen. 41:26 NASV). He did not mean cows actually became years—they represented years. The bread and the cup merely represent the body and blood of the Savior and reminds us of his death on the cross.

There seem to be times today when some would treat the Lord's Supper as a good luck charm or as something to ward off danger. It was not so intended. The supper is a memorial to one who gave his life that others might live. For it to be observed in any other way or with any other design is a perversion of what Christ intended.

Oldham to appear in New Albany concert

Sacred concert artist Doug Oldham will appear in concert Saturday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Victory Life Center, Old Highway 78 West in New Albany. The program is being presented through Gospel Concerts, Inc. of Ripley, Gary (Slim) Cornett, president. Also appearing on the program will be Mississippi music evangelists, Bobby Shurden and Gary Cornett.

Oldham gives more than 200 concerts a year in the United States, Canada, and Europe. For five years he sang on "The Old Time Gospel Hour" televised from Lynchburg, Va.

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Ants don't daunt Spring Hill RAs

The Bob Tyner chapter of Royal Ambassadors was organized at Spring Hill Baptist Church, Pearl River Association Jan. 1, 1981.

The pastor, Danny Brown, three counselors, and three boys met for the first meeting. Within one month, the chapter grew to six boys. On Recognition Sunday, achievement pins were presented to the boys and a fishing trip was given to them. Four boys went on the trip. During the summer, five boys participated in an overnight camp-out in which ants forced them to move to another location.

The chapter's biggest accomplishment for the year, perhaps, was its Lottie Moon Walk-a-Thon at Desoto National Forest. Eight boys walked ten miles each to raise \$180.00 which they gave to the church to help it go over its Lottie Moon Offering goal.

Now the boys are engaged in recruiting new members. The chapter was so named because of Bob Tyner's interest in and former work with the boys of the church and community.

Life and Work Lesson

Unity in diversity

By James L. Travis
Pastoral Services
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I Corinthians 12:22-27

In working through Paul's first letter to the Corinthian church, we continue in the study on life together in the church. Last week attention was focused on the great diversity of the gifts of the spirit. This week we consider a passage in which Paul balances out that aspect with an emphasis on the unity that is both possible and necessary in the diversity that would exist in any church congregation.

In this passage Paul demonstrates his great skill in utilizing an aspect of life to more clearly interpret the great truths of the faith. In this case he makes use of the metaphor of the human body as a way of understanding the workings of the church. This metaphor is filled with much meaning. Paul earlier in this letter has spoken with great reverence and respect of the human body, noting the integral link between the body and spirit in the human creature.

Unlike many of his Greek counterparts who looked upon the body as evil, Paul more nearly reflected his Jewish heritage to consider the body as one of God's great gifts in creation. It is evident how much Paul relied upon this concept as a way of explaining the faith when one realizes that of the 152 times in which the word, "body," is used in the New Testament far over half (91 times) occur in the letters of Paul. It is a powerful metaphor, not only because of its varied nature but also because it brings Christianity right down to where we live.

The one and the many (12:14-21): Having introduced the metaphor, the "body," as his vehicle for addressing this paradoxical situation in the church, Paul reverts to a wry form of humor to make his point. He begins with an obvious statement, namely, that the body is not just one of its many members, but consists of the totality of its members. He then engages representative parts of the body in monologue. The foot, in a fit of envy because it does not have the prestigious position of the hands, secedes from the body. Paul points out that this really is impossible. The ear, because its entering data into the human system is not as colorful as that of the eye decides that it shall retire from being a part of the body. Of course that's impossible, too. Then Paul points out that

if any person's body consisted only of one of its members that would indeed be a ludicrous situation. In verse 18 Paul links up his ridiculously funny line of argument with an important truth in creation, namely, that "God has put all the separate parts into the body on purpose." That purpose is to function more or less in an integrated fashion so as to accomplish the goals of human life.

In verse 20 he reiterates the important truth, this time approached from the other direction: there are truly many members and yet one body. One organ can not declare the irrelevance of another. The eye can not in arrogance disclaim its need of the hand nor can the head disclaim its need of the feet. This is reflective of the truth in John Donne's famous statement, "No man is an island unto himself."

The value of parts of the body (12:22-26): Continuing his usage of the metaphor of the body, Paul points out that those bodily components which seem to be less prestigious or in some way less honorable actually may play a more important part in human life.

Paul may be making reference to our inner organs or to the genitals. We do not know this specifically for here he may be resorting to euphemisms in order to avoid being quite so embarrassingly transparent in following out the implications of his argument.

If indeed he is referring to those "private parts" of the human anatomy, to which we make reference in our modern sophisticated world still with some twinge of discomfort, his figure of speech becomes all the more potent. A person's sex organs, even though hidden with whatever amount of clothing is fashionable in society, serve as the anatomical vehicle for powerful and mysterious forces. On the one hand we hide certain parts of our body. On the other hand we recognize at some level their extreme importance, for example, in the process of procreation.

It is in this section that Paul begins moving toward his application to the church of these references to the human body. When he admonishes the Corinthian Christians that there should be no great separating gap among the members of the body, he goes on to say that the very unity in the extreme diversity means that both positive and negative consequences relating to one member are felt by all the other members.



Lester to deliver Staley Lectures

Andrew D. Lester, associate professor of psychology, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will be the guest lecturer at the Staley Distinguished Scholar Lecture Series at Mississippi College March 8-10. The theme for this year's lectureship will be "The Christian and Emotions."

The Monday schedule calls for Lester to speak on "Anger and the Christian Faith" at 10 a.m. in Nelson Auditorium, lecture on "The Impact of Guilt and Shame" at 6:15 p.m. in Provine Chapel, and conduct an Engaged Student Seminar at 9 p.m. in the Vester Room of the B.C. Rogers Student Center.

The Tuesday schedule calls for Lester to speak on "The Ethics of Anger" at 11 a.m. in Provine Chapel he will discuss the topic "Christians Burn Out Too" and at 6:30 p.m. "The Christian Faces Depression and Despair" will be the subject for a session in the Hall of Fame Room of the Student Center.

At the regular 10 a.m. chapel program on Wednesday he will lecture on "The Ethics of Anger."

Lester received the bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College in 1961 and later earned the bachelor of divinity and doctor of philosophy degrees from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has had extensive clinical training at various hospitals around the country.

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Devotional

Jesus means pardon

By Billy Greene, pastor, Whitesand Church, Prentiss

"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18) Webster's dictionary says that pardon is to absolve from the consequences of a crime to allow to pass without punishment. When man chose to sin, God pronounced the penalty or consequence for sin—death, physical and spiritual. Of course, the spiritual death is worse, for it means eternal separation from God. But God was merciful and provided one to take the punishment for us—Jesus. The crown of thorns he wore, the cross he bore, the stripes he endured, the mockery he received—these I deserved, but he bore them for me.

In the hills of Tennessee, a group of students made rules for the classroom. One of them was if anyone were caught stealing, he would receive ten stripes across the back. A thin, hungry boy was caught stealing. As he prepared to take his punishment, one from the back—big and strong—came forward and volunteered to take the punishment for him. How

Greene

like JESUS!

By believing that he died on the cross for me, confessing my sins and repenting of them, and committing my life to him, I receive pardon for sins—past, present and future!

Vance Havner in his book, *Jesus Only*, tells this story: A Russian soldier sat wearily in his tent following a hard battle. As he sat there, he began to list all the debts he had accumulated. The list became longer and longer. Finally in desperation, he wrote across the bottom of the sheet, "How can I ever pay all these debts?" and fell asleep with his head on the table where he had been writing, his pen still in his hand.

The Czar, wishing to check the morale of his men, moved in disguise among the tents. When he came to this tent, he was so moved by what he read that he wrote across the bottom of the list, "These debts are paid in full."

Thanks to JESUS, all my sins are gone because of Calvary!

Clarksdale honors Marion

Members of Clarksdale Baptist Church celebrated Lucius B. Marion Day Feb. 7 to express love for the pastor who served them over 20 years and who retired Dec. 31, 1981, to become pastor emeritus.

Marion and his wife, Mildred, will continue to live in Clarksdale on Oakhurst Avenue where their four children, Barbara, Carol, Chip, and Charles, grew to adulthood.

The special day, planned for an earlier date, was postponed because of ice and snow.

At the morning service, Dwayne Edlin, chairman of deacons, acted as master of ceremonies, as tributes were given. Mayor Richard Webster, stewardship chairman of the deacon council, presented the church's gift to the Marions. Barbara Chrestman pinned an orchid on Mrs. Marion and a boutonniere on the honoree.

A covered dish luncheon was served in the fellowship hall to an overflow crowd. Afterward a program of special music and fun was held in the sanctuary with Richard Webster as emcee. Congratulatory letters from minister friends of the retiring pastor were read. A gold necklace was presented to Mrs. Marion by Rose Edlin.

Included in the Sunday bulletin was a summary of accomplishments at Clarksdale Church under Marion's leadership, in an article by Betty Lou Stirling.

Five adjacent lots were bought; a new education building was erected. The sanctuary was remodeled and a new pipe organ bought. The debt for education building and remodeling (\$444,570) was retired in April, 1981.

The Clarksdale Baptist School was opened in 1964 and now has nine grades.

During Marion's pastorate, 1,444 members joined the church, 601 by profession of faith.

The value of the church property has risen from \$345,016 in 1960 to \$1,100,000. Total contributions to all causes during the past 20 years have amounted to over \$2,870,000.

BMC to present Ludlow in concert

The Blue Mountain College Department of Music will present Edward Ludlow in his 20th faculty recital at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, at Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church.

Ludlow is associate professor of organ and church music at Blue Mountain College. He received the bachelor of fine arts degree from University of Florida, and master of music degree from Drake University. He was a Fulbright Fellow at the University of Copenhagen.

The recital, which is open to the public, will include works by Rossi, Bach, Harris, and Rhenberger.



Uniform Lesson

Christ's miraculous powers

By Louie Farmer, Jr., Hattiesburg
Mark 1:21-45

With this lesson we begin a month-long study of the miracles of Jesus. Do you believe in miracles? Many people (even some Christians) do not. Some say the days of miracles are over.

I. What is a miracle?

Many definitions have been given which approach the answer in various ways, but all say about the same thing. One definition is "An act or happening in the material or physical sphere that apparently departs from the laws of nature or goes beyond what is known concerning these laws."

There is no word in the Greek language which really means miracle. Three Greek words, fairly close synonyms, are sometimes rendered into English as the word "miracle," or as a synonym of it. One of these, "semeia," basically means and is usually translated "sign." "Dunamis" basically means power and is translated "miracle" or "mighty work." "Teras" means and is translated "wonder." There is some confusion among differing versions and translations of the same passage. For instance, compare John 9:16, where the Greek word "semeia" is rendered miracles in KJV, signs in ASV and mighty works in TEV.

Do you believe in miracles? When we realize that God made the laws of nature and continues to watch over them, it is not difficult to assume that he can speed up or slow down some process or alter it in some way.

To my inquiring and somewhat scientific mind, some miracles appear impossible when they seem not to have been performed in the usual, natural way. I cannot explain them, but there are things all around me every day that I accept as usual and natural and still cannot explain. When I can explain a miracle by natural laws, I tend to do so. When I cannot explain some action of Jesus, I am prepared to accept it as being true, even if it is beyond my understanding. The difficulty of accepting some miracles and not accepting others is that there is no place to draw the line.